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William T Fujioka

**Chief Executive Officer** 

## FINAL STATUS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE II OF THE COUNTYWIDE BIOTECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

On July 19, 2011, the Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Director of Health Services, and other appropriate County departments to launch Phase II of a Countywide Biotechnology Partnership Program, as described in the CEO's June 29, 2011 memo, by coordinating with the Board offices to develop a statement of work within 30 days; engaging a consultant to develop a proposed master plan; and developing a written report back to the Board with Phase II findings, the proposed master plan and recommendations.

In our May 7, 2012 report to the Board, we indicated that we received several proposals in response to the Request for Proposals for a biotechnology consultant, which was released on February 8, 2012. Additionally, we reported that the evaluation committee completed its review of the proposals on May 1, 2012 and we would commence negotiations with the recommended proposer.

This is to provide the Board with a final status report as to our efforts on Phase II of the biotech program.

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On July 10, 2012, the Board authorized the CEO to enter into a contract with the recommended proposer, Battelle Memorial Institute (Battelle), to perform a feasibility assessment and develop a master plan for a Los Angeles Biotechnology Cluster. Battelle is scheduled to commence work on August 1, 2012, which is expected to last approximately six months, for a total sum of \$248,353. Upon completion of the consultant's work, we will submit to the Board the proposed master plan in February 2013.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sheila Shima at (213) 974-1160, or at <a href="mailto:sshima@ceo.lacounty.gov">sshima@ceo.lacounty.gov</a>.

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